

IN THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1 Claim 1. (*Currently Amended*) A drum glove for holding a drumstick[[s]], comprising:

2 a back covering;

3 a palm covering, the palm covering being joined to the back covering in order to form a sheath

4 adapted for encasing dorsal and ventral aspects of a hand;

5 a wrist portion extending from the sheath adapted for encircling a wrist;

6 a plurality of tubular finger sleeves extending from the sheath, including an index finger sleeve, the

7 finger sleeves being open-ended and adapted for exposing middle and distal phalanges of a user's fingers;

8 a tubular thumb sleeve extending from the sheath, the thumb sleeve being open-ended and adapted

9 for exposing a distal phalanx of the user's thumb; and

10 at least one elastic band extending diagonally across the palm covering, the band being adapted

11 ~~for retaining the drumstick to the glove~~ for retaining the drumstick to the glove; and

12 an additional elastic band attached to the index finger sleeve for retaining the drumstick to the glove.

Claim 2. (*Canceled*).

1 Claim 3. (*Original*) A drum glove as claimed in claim 1, wherein said at least one said elastic band
2 comprises two elastic bands extending diagonally across the palm covering.

1 Claim 4. (*Original*) A drum glove as claimed in claim 1, wherein said at least one said elastic band consists
2 of two elastic bands extending diagonally across the palm covering.

Claim 5. (*Canceled*).

1 Claim 6. (*Currently Amended*) The drum glove according to claim 1, wherein said plurality of finger
2 sleeves further comprises an index finger sleeve, a middle finger sleeve, a ring finger sleeve, and a little finger
3 sleeve.

Claims 7 and 8. (*Canceled*).

1 Claim 9. (*Currently Amended*) A drum glove for holding a drumstick[[s]], comprising:
2 a sheath having a back covering, and a palm covering, the palm covering being joined to the back
3 covering, the sheath adapted for encasing a palm and a back back of a hand;
4 a plurality of tubular finger sleeves extending from the sheath including an index finger sleeve, the
finger sleeves being open-ended and adapted for exposing middle and distal phalanges of a user's fingers;

6 a tubular thumb sleeve extending from the sheath, the thumb sleeve being open-ended and adapted
7 for exposing a distal phalanx of the user's thumb;

8 first and second elastic bands extending diagonally across the palm covering of the sheath for
9 retaining the drumstick to the glove; and

10 a third elastic band attached to the index finger sleeve, the first, second and third elastic bands being
11 adapted for retaining the drumstick to the glove.

1 Claim 10. (*Original*) The drum glove according to claim 9, further comprising a wrist portion extending
2 from the sheath adapted for encircling a wrist.

1 Claim 11. (*Currently Amended*) A pair of drum gloves, comprising:

2 a first drum glove, including:

3 a first sheath having a back covering and a palm covering, the palm covering being joined
4 to the back covering, the first sheath adapted for encasing a palm and a back of a first hand;

5 a plurality of tubular finger sleeves extending from the first sheath including an index finger
6 sleeve, the finger sleeves being open-ended and adapted for exposing middle and distal phalanges of a
7 user's fingers;

8 a tubular thumb sleeve extending from the first sheath, the thumb sleeve being open-ended
9 and adapted for exposing a distal phalanx of the user's thumb;

1 Claim 12. (*New*) The pair of drum gloves of claim 11, wherein the second sheath further comprises a
2 fourth elastic band attached to the index finger sleeve, and said at least one elastic band includes a fifth and
3 sixth elastic bands extending diagonally across the palm covering of the second sheath, such that the first
4 and second drum gloves are mirror images of each other.

1 Claim 13. (*New*) The pair of drum gloves of claim 11, wherein said at least one elastic band consists of
2 a single elastic band extending diagonally across the palm covering of the second sheath.